



**RULE AND ORDER REQUIRING THE USE OF MASKS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES: AMENDED 2-15-2022 3-1-2022**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 31 and 122, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, we, the members of the Truro Board of Health hereby order the following:

~~1. In addition to physical distancing and in a continued effort to protect the Public Health, all members of the public entering any municipal building must continue to wear a cloth face covering that covers their nose and mouth, such as a fabric or surgical mask in addition to practicing physical distancing. Wearing a mask is not a substitute for maintaining 6 feet of physical distancing.~~

1. The indoor mask mandate for ~~businesses and other indoor spaces~~ Municipal buildings will transition to an voluntary-optional program based on the continued decrease in the incidence and prevalence of cases of COVID-19, improved availability of testing and improved availability of COVID-19 vaccines for Truro residents and visitors.

2. ~~Masking requirements may be retained for certain activities and events, such as the Annual Town Meeting, where maintaining physical separation may be difficult, and a "mask-optional" environment may reduce participation.~~

3. The Board of Health recognizes that business establishments in Truro ~~may choose to have the right to~~ require the public to mask in their establishments in order to mitigate impacts from high volumes of customers and/or address situations where physical distancing is difficult, to better protect their staff and vulnerable members of the public. ~~The Board of Health and~~ and extends this ~~Order to support to~~ those establishments.

~~3.4. In this masking-optional phase, the Board of Health underscores the need for the public to respect the personal preferences expressed by others, as they are informed by their personal level of risk.~~

4.5. The Board of Health continues to advise that a fully vaccinated person wear a mask or face covering when indoors (and not in your own home) if you have a weakened immune system, or if you are at increased risk for severe disease because of your age or an underlying medical condition, or if someone in your household has a weakened immune system, is at increased risk for severe disease or is unvaccinated.

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~~5.6.~~ For individuals who are not fully vaccinated, it is important ~~that you to~~ continue to wear a face covering or mask in public to help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people.

~~6.7.~~ The face covering requirements of this Order for municipal buildings shall be in place until ~~it is rescinded by the Board of Health. It~~ **March** ~~when it shall transition to mask-optional until any time that the Board of Health determines that local will be reconsidered on March 1, 2022, and as conditions warrant.~~

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- ~~7. Notwithstanding any provision in this Order, pursuant to guidance issued by the CDC face coverings should not be placed on young children under 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing, anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, or anyone who due to disability is unable to wear a mask.~~
- ~~8. To the extent necessary, this Order shall be enforced by the Truro Health Agent, assistant Health Agent and Truro Police Officers. Whoever violates any provision of this Order may be penalized by a noncriminal disposition process as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition by law. If non-criminal disposition is elected, then any person who violates any provision of this Regulation shall be subject to: for a first offense, a written warning; for a second offense, a penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100); for a third offense, a penalty of two hundred dollars (\$200); and for a fourth or subsequent offense, a penalty in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Each day or portion thereof shall constitute a separate offense. If more than one, each condition violated shall constitute a separate offense.~~

This Order, as amended shall be effective beginning ~~February 16, 2022~~ and remain in effect until further notice is given and pursuant to the Truro Board of Health's judgement that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

**Tracey Rose, Chair of Truro Board of Health**